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## AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Attn: H. Vo  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231BY FACSIMILE

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

6. (Thrice Amended) A method of quantitatively evaluating image quality characteristics of an ultrasound scanner, comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a phantom test object within an image;
- (b) quantitative processing of said image to evaluate image quality characteristics of the scanner for diagnostic purposes; and
- (c) outputting results of the quantitative processing.

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